

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A vehicle subframe comprising:

a pair of left and right longitudinal members, which extends in a longitudinal direction of a body, which each have a body mount portion and a mount portion on which a suspension arm is mounted; and

a tubular cross member which extends in a transverse direction of the body and connects together the pair of left and right longitudinal members, ~~the vehicle subframe being characterized in that~~

wherein the cross member includes a pair of parallel front walls and a pair of parallel rear walls, the pair of parallel front walls including a front side plate and a front bracket plate portion continuously separated from each other by a front predetermined space portion defined therebetween, and the pair of parallel rear walls including a rear bracket plate portion and a rear side plate continuously separated from each other by a rear predetermined space portion defined therebetween, has

a recessed portion which is recessed continuously over a longitudinal direction thereof, is defined between the pair of parallel front walls and the pair of parallel rear walls.

2. **(Currently Amended)** A vehicle frame as set forth in claim 1, characterized in that wherein the recessed portion is formed at a lower portion of a main body of the cross member and is recessed upwardly, and that a damping member is fitted in a resulting recess.

3. **(Currently amended)** A vehicle frame as set forth in claim 2, characterized in that wherein the tubular cross member is a member which is formed into a shape having a substantially quadrangular closed section by an upper plate, [[a]] the front side plate, a lower plate, and [[a]] the rear side plate, and that the recessed portion is configured such that the shape of a section of the cross member which lies normal to an axis thereof is recessed towards an inside of the section and has [[a]] the front bracket plate portion which is parallel to the front side plate, [[a]] the rear bracket plate portion which is parallel to the rear side plate and wherein the front side plate transitions to the front bracket plate portion at a front folded-back portion and the rear side plate transitions to the rear bracket plate portion at a rear folded-back plate portion folded-back portions which are folded back from the front and rear bracket plate portions.

4. **(Withdrawn)** A bush mounting structure for mounting on a frame by a bracket an elastic bush in which an inner tube and an outer tube which surrounds the inner tube are connected together by an elastic body, wherein the bracket is disposed in such a manner as to hold both ends of the inner tube therein, and the elastic bush is mounted by passing a bolt through the inner tube, the bush mounting structure being characterized in that the bracket has bracket plate portions each having a plane which contacts an end face of the inner tube and folded-back portions which are folded back from the bracket plate portions.

5. **(Withdrawn)** A bush mounting structure as set forth in claim 4, characterized in that the bracket plate portions and the folded-back portions are made to oppositely face each other via a given space portion.

6. **(Withdrawn)** A bush mounting structure as set forth in claim 4 or 5, characterized in that the frame is made up of a tubular member, that a sectional shape of the tubular member which lies normal to an axis thereof is configured so as to be recessed towards an inside of a section of the tubular member, and that the bracket plate portions are formed on inner surfaces of a resulting recessed portion, while the folded-back portions are formed continuously from the tubular member.

7. **(New)** A vehicle frame as set forth in claim 3, wherein the front side plate is the first wall of the pair of parallel front walls, the front bracket plate portion is the second wall of the pair of parallel front walls, the rear side plate is the first wall of the pair of parallel rear walls, and the rear bracket plate portion is the second wall of the pair of parallel rear walls.

8. **(New)** A vehicle subframe comprising:

a pair of left and right longitudinal members, which extends in a longitudinal direction of a body, which each have a body mount portion and a mount portion on which a suspension arm is mounted; and

a tubular cross member which extends in a transverse direction of the body and connects together the pair of left and right longitudinal members, the cross member has a recessed portion which is recessed continuously over a longitudinal direction thereof, wherein the recessed portion is formed at a lower portion of a main body of the cross member and is recessed upwardly, and that a damping member is fitted in a resulting recess.

9. (New) A vehicle subframe as set forth in claim 8, wherein the tubular cross member is formed into a shape having a substantially quadrangular closed section by an upper plate, a front side plate, a lower plate, and a rear side plate, and that the recessed portion is configured such that the shape of a section of the cross member which lies normal to an axis thereof is recessed towards an inside of the section and has a front bracket plate portion which is parallel to the front side plate, a rear bracket plate portion which is parallel to the rear side plate and wherein the front side plate transitions to the front bracket plate portion at a front folded-back portion and the rear side plate transitions to the rear bracket plate portion at a rear folded-back plate portion.